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Public Open House Schedule for Lake Britton Bridge Project

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will hold a public open house on Thursday, July 29, 2004 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Intermountain Community Center, 37477 Main Street in Burney to discuss the Lake Britton Bridge replacement project. The meeting is an open house format with no formal presentation. Members of Caltrans staff will be on hand to discuss the project.

Caltrans is proposing the replacement of the Lake Britton Bridge, on State Route 89 northeast of Burney, in Shasta County. The existing structure would be replaced with a two lane concrete bridge with eight foot shoulders and bridge railing. The road approaches to the bridge will be realigned to match the new structure.

The purpose of the project is to improve safety and provide unrestricted travel of people, goods and services. The existing structure was built in 1938 and does not have the needed width or capacity to pass permit loads and maintenance costs on the structure have increased significantly in the past several years. The permit load deficiency cannot be reasonably addressed without replacement of the structure. In addition to the bridge replacement, SR 89 will be realigned to address non-standard curves south of the bridge.

Please call the Public Information Office at 229-0511 if you have questions.

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